TAXATION MEASURES OF TOWN COUNCILS—PROTEST AGAINST

283. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the President of the Kunnamkulam Town Council has received printed petitions from the people of Kunnamkulam protesting against taxation measures of the Town Council;

(*b*) if so, the number received in all up to the 12th Makaram 1116;

(*c*) whether he has received a covering letter duly stamped forwarding 411 such petitions from one തോലത്തു പാക്കണ്ണി ഇയ്യാക്ക dated 3rd Makaram 1116;

(*d*) if so, will Government be pleased to print the same and place on the council table;

(*e*) whether in view of the "acute economic depression and present international situation" referred to in that petition referred to in (c) above which necessitated the postponing of the General Elections to the State's Legislature, the Government be pleased to order all the Town Councils to avoid fresh taxation at least till the next Legislative Council election is over?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 411.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A copy of the petition is placed on the council table.*

(*e*) No.

BEGGAR PROBLEM—SOLVING OF

284. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to an article under caption "യാചകപ്രശ്നം" appearing in the "Progress" dated 5th October 1940 (page 2, column 1) containing certain suggestions for the solution of the Beggar Problem in Cochin State;

(*b*) whether Government have any scheme at hand for solving the Beggar Problem;

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(c) whether they are in a position to inform this House the exact number of beggars in the towns of Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri;

(d) (1) whether Government have given any instructions or suggestions to the respective Municipalities with regard to this question; or

(2) whether the Municipalities have approached Government with any scheme or suggestions to tackle this problem of beggars?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) No.

(d) (1) No.

(2) The Mattancheri Municipality alone submitted certain proposals in the matter.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT TRUST FOR MATTANCHERI—CONSTITUTION OF

285. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state what objections they have for bringing into existence a self-supporting Town Improvement Trust for Mattancheri?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government see no need for constituting a Town Improvement Trust for Mattancheri.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does the Government see no need for Town Improvement Trust? May I take it then that Government think that there is no need for town improvement also?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government think that there is no need for the Town Improvement Trust; but, as regards town improvement, there is a municipality there which will look after that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is it because that there is no need for town improvement that you hesitate to bring into existence a Town Improvement Trust?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Improvement of town is wanted, and that is being attended to by the municipality there.

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